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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: SONACO DEBIT NOTES

REF: STATE 59260

1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER MARCH 24 WROTE TO ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF SONACO, MR. TIANA RABETSIMBA, REQUESTING ANY INFORMATION HE COULD PROVIDE ON STATUS DEBIT NOTES OWED TO MR. FRED SCHAFER. WHEN RABETSIMBA FAILED TO REPLY TO LETTER, EMBOFF CALLED ON HIM APRIL 17.

2. RABETSIMBA REPORTED THAT SONACO HAS FULL INTENTION OF PAYING ACCOUNT OWED TO SCHAFER, HAS FUNDS IN BANK FOR PURPOSE, AND HAS INSTRUCTED BANK TO MAKE PAYMENT. (HE SHOWED EMBOFF COPY OF BANK LETTER DATED APRIL SHOWING BALANCE TO COVER PAYMENT.) HOWEVER, BANK IS AWAITING APPROVAL OF MALAGASY MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR REMITTANCE OF TRANSFER IN DOLLARS TO U.S. (SUCH APPROVAL IS NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL REMITTANCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.) ACCORDING TO RABETSIMBA, FINANCE MINISTRY IS APPARENTLY WAITING FOR COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF EXPORT OF COMMODITIES FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS REQUESTED. LAST OF COMMODITIES WERE EXPORTED IN MARCH 1975, BUT RABETSIMBA UNABLE TO ESTIMATE WHEN REMITTANCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MIGHT BE APPROVED. HE ADDED THAT A SONACO OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THE ABOVE TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF SCHAFER IN FRANCE APRIL 3.

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